heire living within the Province, may enter vpon the land & hold Liber PR it for the vse of such next heire. And if none nearer enter, or clayme in seven yeares, he shall hold it in the same right and estate, as if he had beene next heire. And in defect of all such heires living within the Province, the Lord of the fee of whom the land is immediately holden, and in defect of all such Lords, then the Lord Proprietary may enter & hold the land in such manner as is afore appointed for nearest heire.

And the widdow shall succeed to the cheife mansion house (to hold it during her widdowhood) and to the thirds of all the lands whereof her husband died seised. This Act to endure

for three yeares from this present day.

13 An Act touching Succession to goods of intestate persons

The widdow shall succeed to the goods & chattells of the deceased intestate, if there be no child. And if there be but one child, the widdow shall succeed to the one halfe, and the child to the other halfe. And if there be more then one child, the widdow shall succeed to one third, and the residue shalbe divided among the children by æquall shares. If there be no widdow, the child, or children by æquall shares shall succeed to the whole. If neither widdow nor child, the nearest of kinne living within the Province; that may be heire to the deceased, shall succeed to the whole.

If any partie knowen to have right to succeed in whole or in part be out of the Province, or be orphan, the Administrator shall bring the residue belonging to such forreiner or orphan, into the Provinciall Court, there to be disposed of to such par[ties] vse, as the Judge shall think fitt. This Act to endure

for three yeares from this [present day.]

14 An Act touching Assignments

Where two parties are indebted to one another vpon accompt, [the one of them] may not assign away his interest in the accompt without the consent [of the other unless] it be of that w^{ch} is due from the other, vpon the cleare accompt, at p. 24 [that time when such] assignment is first demanded of the debtor, whose debt was assigned.

No deed or contract made after the publication hereof, whereby the propriety of any lands, goods, or chattells are intended to passe, shalbe good and pleadable in law, except the property thereof at or before the making of the contract or delivery of the instrument, be altered by delivering possession in the presence of two or more witnesses, or that the contract